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Red Carpet Rollout

This week Whiteman welcomes ...

Lt. Gen. (S) Daniel Leaf

Air Force Space Command Vice Commander

9-Line Target



Readiness is a daily requirement

News in Brief

AFPC announces major selectees

The 2003A promotion board chose 22 Whiteman captains in the Line of the Air Force, judge advocate general, chaplain, medical service corps, biomedical sciences corps and nurse corps. Air Forcewide, 2,215 were selected for promotion to major.

The boards convened May 5 and considered 3,036 officers for promotion.

Whiteman's selectees are: **Brian Bogue** and **Brian Gallo**, 325th Bomb Squadron, **Matthew Brechwald**, **Mark Pye**, **Steven Sims**, **Jason Taylor**, **Todd Tumidanski** and **Michael Wittrock**, 393rd BS, **Leland Bohannon**, **Richard Collins**, **Robert Finch**, **Stacey Housholder**, **Alan Sanders**, **Martin Schulting** and **Craig Stefan**, 394th Combat Training Squadron, **Jason Brown**, 509th Maintenance Group, **Joseph Imburgia**, 509th Bomb Wing, **Terrance Mahon**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, **Romero Reid**, 509th Mission Support Squadron, **Mark Seng**, 509th Operations Support Squadron, **Sloan Pye**, Area Defense Counsel, and **Bryan Gillespie**, formerly of the 509th Security Forces Squadron.

The entire list will be posted on the Web at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil after 2 p.m. Central Time today.

MedGp to provide acute care only

The 509th Medical Group will provide Acute Care only from 7:30a.m.-4 p.m. July 29-31. A team from Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, will be conducting health care training to better enable them to meet your needs. Routine health care will not be available during this time. Please plan accordingly.

Weather

Saturday

Partly cloudy

Sunday

Rainy



H 98 °

L 70 °



H 96 °

L 71 °



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Airman 1st Class Aaron Ethier and Senior Airman Christian Gamboa talk about applying a heat cure on a section of the *Spirit of Missouri*. The aircraft was the first B-2 to receive repairs in the new low-observable facility. Ethier and Gamboa are 509th Maintenance Squadron members.

First repairs made at LO facility

By Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Public Affairs

The restoration of the *Spirit of Missouri* July 10 in the low-observable maintenance facility marked a new era in structural maintenance for the B-2.

The aircraft, which had its repairs finished Tuesday, became the first B-2 to receive maintenance in the new facility, which was unveiled in November 2002. The facility was designed for LO repairs unique to the B-2s.

Rotating shifts of LO technicians worked around the clock to finish the work in 12 days, said Master Sgt. Tim O'Malley, 509th Maintenance Squadron B-2 structural maintenance production superintendent. The *Spirit of Missouri* received LO tape, paint and tail pipe repairs.

"I think (the restoration) went great," O'Malley said. "The ventilation system performed like it was supposed to."

Use of the 50,000-square-foot facility saves man-hours, said Maj. Michael Busch, 509th MXS commander. Busch said the team of 186 military, Department of Defense and contracted civilians making the repairs can perform their work faster and more accurately.

"The facility multiplies our efficiency because our troops can work out of their own facility. All the materials are there," Busch said.

LO repairs made inside the building include wind screen tape details, tail pipe repairs, jack pad restorations, leading edges repairs, and paint and coating restorations. Previously, a paint tent and environmental control units were set up in B-2 docks to paint the aircraft. In the new facility, the temperature and humidity ranges are preset, allowing technicians to speed up the curing process and dry paint on the aircraft faster.

"Most of the materials on the plane require a certain humidity level and temperature range to dry effectively," said Master Sgt. Patrick Crickard, 509th MXS B-2 structural maintenance senior production superintendent. "With this facility, whether it's 90 degrees or 10 degrees outside, the temperature inside is steady."

Each bay has a ventilation system that has 4,700 filters which remove 99.9 percent of waste material. The system reuses 30 percent of used air and filters out the remaining air.

Each bay is designed to minimize debris trapped in the paint and keep the air clean for technicians who dedicate themselves to B-2 maintenance.

"These guys pour their heart and soul into their work," said Tech. Sgt. Tom Wimmer, 509th MXS expeditor. "It's not the easiest job in the world, but they make it look easy."

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Commander's Corner

By Col. Ned Schoeck

509th Bomb Wing Vice Commander

NSSAV SUCCESS! The outbrief from our NSSAV is in — in true 509er fashion, you all made a super impression on the team. They highlighted several areas as exemplary, including command post training members, bomb squadron aircrews (12 crews managed a 100% average in testing!), and the folks at the munitions squadron; furthermore, they were highly impressed by our security forces members and the whole team over in vehicle maintenance. The NSSAV team identified 30 outstanding performers, and two outstanding teams. Great work — we should expect nothing less!

THE GIFT OF LIFE — The first American Red Cross blood drive at Whiteman Air Force Base was a huge success! During the two-day event, 509ers flocked to the community center to give 158 units of blood. Thirty-two first-time donors boosted the effort, and 10 volunteers from the base supported the Red Cross collection operation. Thanks to 2nd Lt. Allison Thigpen, Capt. (Major select) Jason Brown, 1st Lt. Robert Austin, Tech. Sgt. Mauree Powell, Staff Sgt. Jennifer Hall and Airman 1st Class Stephen Kirkbride for organizing this event! The next blood drive on base, sponsored by the Kansas City Community Blood Center, will be Aug. 21-22.

GET YOUR GAME FACE ON! The Conventional Operational Readiness Exercise Phase 1 is here! You've



trained, studied, practiced and prepared for it — now let's go out there and perform! This isn't our first CORE, but it's been a while — use this exercise to once again make the "best" better!

MAKING THE GRADE! The Whiteman Top 3 Association awarded three \$300 scholarships last week to Tech. Sgt. Tony Barrie, 509th Medical Support Squadron, Airman 1st Class Tracy Woods, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Shoney Jackson, 509th Munitions Squadron. A big thank you goes to the Top 3 members for supporting higher education. The Top 3 is a great organization that works hard to ensure our enlisted members are taken care of. If you're not active in the organization, and would like to help out, contact Top 3 President Senior Master Sgt. Steph Page.

CHECK OUT THOSE PIPES! Kudos to 509th Civil Engineering Squadron's plumbing section. Their crack staff was able to quickly identify a problem near the Whiteman Inn — a water main had broken in an 8-inch cast-iron line. They had the line fixed and service restored within 6 hours. Great job!

ONE MAJOR STEP FOR MANKIND — Congratulations to all of our newly promoted majors. This is one of the most important steps in your already successful careers! Not only do you make the jump from a company grade officer to a field grade officer — you now have the opportunity for added responsibility and leadership. Don't forget those leadership lessons you've learned over the past few years — you're going to need them in the near future!

REMEMBERING A FALLEN COMRADE — Team Whiteman mourns the loss of one of its own this week. The Missouri Army National Guard's 110th Engineer Battalion



Photo by Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

Whiteman Top 3 Association member Senior Master Sgt. Anita Berber-James and Top 3 president Senior Master Sgt. Steph Page present Airman 1st Class Tracy Woods, Tech. Sgt. Tony Barrie and Staff Sgt. Shoney Jackson with \$300 scholarships. Woods is assigned to the 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, Barrie is a member of the 509th Medical Support Squadron, and Jackson belongs to the 509th Munitions Squadron.

tragically lost one of its members to a vehicle accident. Take a moment of your day to remember those we have lost, and to reflect on ways we can better protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our teammates.

WATCH THAT SPEEDOMETER — During my frequent runs and walks in and around base housing, I always see children out playing in the yards, running through sprinklers, and basically doing all the things kids do — including not paying attention to cars in the road. It's your responsibility to be vigilant about your speed as you drive through base housing. Getting to work a few seconds early certainly isn't worth the price of a child's life — speed limits are there for a reason!

Plan execution of operations on, off duty

By Lt Col Gavin Ketchen

393 Bomb Squadron Commander

Operation Iraqi Freedom was a resounding success for the B-2 and the 393rd Tigers. One hundred percent on-time takeoffs, 100 percent of tasked targets struck; 100 percent of tasked missions executed! That's bombs on target ... that's kicking down the door and killing targets!

Our accomplishments were no accident. They were the result of months of planning and preparation by many from the 393rd Bomb Squadron, 393rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit of the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 509th Maintenance Squadron, 509th Operations Support Squadron, and many more 509ers from the mission support group, medical group, and other wing and associated organizations.

The intricate detail of the combat operation went beyond the actual mission planning of the aircraft sorties. It included deployment preparation of Whiteman members and equipment, aircrew ground and flight training, concept of deployed operations development, and the creation of a flight crew flow plan, to name a few. Each step of the way the risks were analyzed and steps taken to mitigate those risks down to acceptable levels ensuring our success. Every possible contingency or alternate course of action was dis-



Courtesy photo

From left: Lt. Cols. Paul Land, 509th Operations Group deputy commander, and Gavin Ketchen, 393rd Bomb Squadron commander, greet Maj. Marc Miller, 509th Operations Support Squadron, and Capt. Mike Wittrock, 393rd BS, upon their return from a successful mission in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

cussed and thoroughly reviewed to give us the ability to act proactively rather than react to a dynamic environment.

Bottom line: we executed extremely complex operations over the heart of enemy territory and brought everyone home safe. OIF for the 393rd Tigers was truly a tremendous

team effort, and the 509th Bomb Wing made its mark in the history books once again.

This should not sound unusual to you. We are all part of something great here. We have the good fortune of being charged with the defense of our great nation. As warriors, there's no better time to serve your country

than the present; she needs us now, maybe more than ever before as we execute the global war on terrorism.

The Air Force is much smaller, as is the entire Department of Defense. Every airman counts. Every airman is a warrior, no matter the specialty.

It's important we take the same approach and care in planning and preparing our off-duty activities as we do in our duty operations. It's our duty as we serve America to assess the risks in our recreational activities, to carefully plan, consider possible contingencies, and be able to act based on a well-thought-out plan and not react in a less-than-fully coherent state to the dynamic environment we may find ourselves in.

If you're going out drinking with a buddy or group, assess the risk, consider your alternate course of action, have a game plan with consideration for contingencies that may arise. Those contingencies may include your designated driver getting sick or not showing up. Part of your plan may be as simple as giving up your keys on arrival to the bartender or designated driver so you're not tempted to drive later. That is personal risk management; taking responsibility for our actions so we get home safely and be present for duty to continue the global war on terrorism. Every airman counts. Every airman is a warrior. The nation needs each of us.

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Wing recognizes best of best at ceremony

By Airman 1st Class Nick Martin
Public Affairs

Company Grade Officer

Capt. Peter Soto is the Company Grade Officer of the Quarter for April-June.

The 509th Maintenance Squadron assistant maintenance operations officer led 490 troops in support of the wing's flying hour program for B-2s and T-38s resulting in the B-2's accomplishment of 292 sorties and 1,430 hours flown and T-38s completing 941 sorties and 1,000 hours flown.

He also deployed in support of combat operations for the B-2's first forward deployment. His actions resulted in 20 sorties achieving 100 percent on-time take off and a weapons-release rate of more than 500,000 pounds of munitions.

As the Wings Over Whiteman air show maintenance boss, Soto coordinated 10 Whiteman members to facilitate the servicing of more than 3,890 gallons of fuel for more than 60 air show performers. He also coordinated maintenance support for the Thunderbirds.



Senior NCO

Master Sgt. William Keen is the Senior NCO of the Quarter for April-June.

The 509th Munitions Squadron weapons support chief was requested by Air Combat Command to develop new skill knowledge test material for the missile maintenance career field. He also coordinated munitions delivery with the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron for the Nuclear Operational Readiness Exercise in June. The deliveries were completed 44 hours ahead of schedule. This allowed the generation to be completed 31 hours ahead of schedule.

Keen also filled a critical two-week void as acting first sergeant, flawlessly processing three Article 15 packages.



NCO

Tech. Sgt. Scott Peterson is the NCO of the Quarter for April-June.

The 509th Security Forces Squadron information and industrial security manager handled wing information and industrial security programs by conducting 17 comprehensive information reviews and provided critical information to wing leadership regarding the protection



of classified information.

The sergeant also spearheaded the Whiteman Tier 2 Adopt-a-Highway cleanup and is an active supporter of the program.

Airman

Airman 1st Class Timothy Vansant is the Airman of the Quarter for April-June.

The 509th Contracting Squadron contract administrator performed the additional duties of a deployed contract administrator with eight years experience.

Vansant also set up the purchase requirements for blackberry units and services totaling \$122,000 for the base command staff saving \$30,000 and improving base communications.

Off duty, Vansant referees for Whiteman's youth baseball team, and helped prepare and ship morale packages to five deployed squadron members.



Honor Guard

Senior Airman Lawrence Sink is the Honor Guard Member of the Quarter for April-June.

The 509th AMS, 325th Aircraft Maintenance Unit crew chief is a member of the Whiteman Honor Guard's C Team. He performed 17 details. He also presented the colors at two base functions.

Sink was selected to be the honor guard's weapons cleanliness inspector, maintaining a 100 percent pass rate on the weapons.

Besides honor guard duties, Sink devotes time to Airmen Against Drunk Driving. He also volunteers in the Big Brother program to help less fortunate children.



Manager

Lloyd Dunn is the Manager of the Quarter for April-June.

The 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron computer assistance supervisor is the system administrator for a \$560 million supply account. As the Standard Asset Tracking System administrator Dunn worked with a Northrop Grumman implementation team to analyze, develop and ensure a smooth transition of SATS.

Dunn also modernized the deployment control center, enhancing the capability to rapidly deploy members during wing exercises and real-world deployments.

Off duty, Dunn designed and built an indoor recreational and climbing center for Sedalia community youth and



provided security support for an annual Sedalia Barbecue and Blues weekend festival.

Associate

Rochelle Cooper is the Associate of the Quarter for April-June.

The 509th LRS supply technician monitored the tracer action reconciliation listing for potential lost assets critical to the wing's mission, resulting in the recovery of \$3 million worth of assets.

Cooper also managed the wing's defense reutilization and marketing office withdrawal process. Cooper worked with customers requesting assets from DRMOs and saved \$31,000 of operations and maintenance funds then she redirected the savings in support of contingency operations.

Off duty, Cooper devotes time to plan baby showers for fellow squadron members.



Laborer/Craftsman

James Mills is the Laborer/Craftsman of the Quarter for April-June.

The 509th LRS flight service center technician oversaw product quality deficiency report exhibits improving the process and recouping \$411 million for maintenance activities while producing superior products.

Mills also ensured compliance with Air Force repair enhancement programs by processing more than 80 critical assets for local repair. Mills guaranteed assets were loaded correctly in the base supply system saving more than \$600,000 for the wing.

Off duty, Mills serves as a volunteer fire fighter and emergency medical technician.



Volunteer

Deana Barylski is the Volunteer of the Quarter for April-June.

Barylski volunteered to provide tax filing assistance to more than 1,900 active duty, Reserve, civilian ID card holders and dependents. She also aided legal assistance clients, directed them to attorneys, prepared 30 powers of attorney and initiated 20 wills. Barylski saved clients more than \$345,000 in federal and state tax filing fees, and helped clients receive more than \$2,833,824 in tax returns.

Barylski also volunteers one hour per week at Whiteman Elementary School.

Deana's husband is Tech. Sgt. Craig Barylski, 509th AMXS.



Centennial of flight



The XP-79B Flying Ram interceptor was one of

Jack Northrop's early flying wing aircraft that he designed in the 1940s. The Flying Ram was one of the precursors to the B-2.

Sortie board



Monthly

	B-2	A-10	T-38
Goal	560.0	845.0	404.6
Flown	499.0	364.4	292.8

Fiscal year

	B-2	A-10	T-38
Goal	6,350.0	5,445.0	4,200.0
Flown	6,289.7	4380.1	3,363.7

Information current as of Wednesday

Niner Line

Dial 687-3119



Whiteman's Niner Line provides a communication channel for you to obtain information and assistance in making Whiteman a better place to live and work.

Before calling the Niner Line, please try to resolve your particular problem with the responsible base agency.

If you've exhausted all the normal avenues to resolve the situation, then feel free to call Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, at 687-3119.

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NSSAV team names superior performers, teams

The Air Combat Command Nuclear Surety Staff Assistance Visit team recognized 30 superior performers and two outstanding teams during its visit July 13-18.

Superior performers are:

Master Sgt. Frank Jones and **Tech. Sgt. Donald Goodman**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Tech. Sgts. James Greenlaw, David Hall, Daniel Jordan and **Tim Miller**, **Staff Sgt. Brian Maszka**, **Senior Airmen Michael Henderson, Jered Jones, Jarico McInnis, Jacqueline Priessman** and **Christine Weir**, **Airmen 1st Class Trever Casebolt, Joseph Lara, Jeremy Lemons, Aaron Pate, Steven Taylor** and **Brandie Williams**, and **Airmen Zackary Ellard, Ricky Renfroe** and **Jack Stahley**, 509th Security Forces Squadron.

Staff Sgt. Chad Corcoran, 509th Maintenance Squadron.

Staff Sgts. Jason Flaherty and **Jeffrey Martin**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Staff Sgts. Jeffrey Klein and **Brian Pankratz**, **Airmen 1st Class Matthew Adler** and **Kimberly White**, 509th Muni-

tions Squadron.

Staff Sgt. Anthony Witak, 509th Mission Support Squadron.

Airman 1st Class Sergio Zuniga, 509th Bomb Wing.

Outstanding teams are:

Rotary Launcher Mate to Frame Team, 509th Munitions Squadron.

Intrusion Detection Systems Maintenance Section, 509th Communications Squadron.

The ACC NSSAV team visited Whiteman to examine the 509th Bomb Wing's compliance with nuclear surety regulations and programs. This visit was a precursor for the Nuclear Surety Inspection in December.

"What we wanted out of this visit was a thorough look at our programs," said Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander. "We achieved that goal. Our people put a lot into the event, so we got a lot of good information out of it. This lets us focus our efforts between now and December. I'm sure our score in the NSI will reflect that preparation."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Master Sgt. Bart Duggan, 509th Security Forces Squadron unit deployment monitor, checks the contents of **Staff Sgt. Justin Jacquay's** mobility bag. In addition to mobility bag contents, members should have wills, powers of attorney and a variety of other things prepared well before getting tapped on the shoulder for deployment.

Overlooking details can lead to problems during deployments

By **Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole**

Public Affairs

The notice to deploy doesn't always come at an opportune time. Therefore, there are a number of things people can do in advance to prepare for the tap on shoulder.

These include:

✓ Wills

✓ Powers of attorney

✓ Making plans for finances while the member is deployed. Specifically, payments on the house, car and boat must be made while the member is deployed.

✓ Dependent care plans. A lot of times, they're more theoretical than practical, said Master Sgt. Frank Jamison, 509th Bomb Wing staff unit deployment monitor. "This usually comes up when the member tries to implement it and starts hitting roadblocks," he said.

✓ Current prescriptions. Glasses, and

especially contact, are important issues. "A lot of people use the daily wear (contacts) and you don't want to run out while you're gone," Jamison said.

✓ Off-duty education. Students enrolled have the option of quitting the class and, if they do the paperwork, not having to pay for the class. Some colleges allow continuation via the Internet.

✓ Updated DD Form 93, Locator Card. This is now done online at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>. At the Web site, click on the vMPF button at the top of the screen.

✓ Updated SGLI paperwork.

While these are things people usually overlook before deploying, things have gotten better, Jamison said.

"With all the deploying we've been doing lately, people have pretty much assumed the fact that we're an expeditionary force," he said.

For a more detailed list of preparation actions, contact your UDM.

200,000 parents receive pins



Photo by Larry McTighe

Gen. John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, places a parent pin onto Jennifer Scali's lapel. Scali is the mother of Senior Airman Dominic Scali, 113th Fighter Wing Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

By Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Public Affairs

Your Guardians of Freedom, the Air Force's outreach information and recognition program, has touched the lives of more than 200,000 airmen's parents Air Forcewide.

Staff Sgt. Amy Cutler, 509th Munitions Squadron, is one airman who took advantage of the program. "My parents received the parent pins and absolutely loved them. I just returned from Kuwait after five months, so it made them feel good that they were recognized as raising a good airman," said Cutler. "They wore them everywhere and carried the letter around to show everyone their enthusiasm. They're proud parents and this is a great program!"

The program began in 2002 as a way for Air Force leaders to personally recognize the employers of reservists and guardsmen who were called to active duty to support operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. Employers who were nominated by their airmen employees received lapel pins emblazoned with the Air Force logo and the letter "E," and a personal letter signed by the Air Force's senior leaders.

The recognition program expanded in May to include parents. Nominated parents received a letter and lapel pin with the letter "P." All active-duty, Air National Guard and Reserve airmen may participate in the program.

About 110,000 of the nearly 590,000 airmen have nominated their parents for recognition, according to Brig. Gen. Ed Tonini, program director. "Everyone has someone they want to recognize," he said. "The person who gets the pin will feel an amazing attachment to the work you do."

"When I opened the package, I saw the two pins and the letter from the Secretary of the Air Force. The letter said this pin was from Sergeant Popp," said Lawrence Popp. "I automatically thought my son got it for me, but learned it was really my daughter who put the request in. I am very proud to wear this pin. I am even more proud to have my two of my children in the Air Force defending our freedoms," Popp said.

The children Mr. Popp speaks of are Staff Sgts. Francesca Popp, 509th Bomb Wing, and her brother Philipp Popp, who is assigned to Detachment 3, 372nd Training Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

Although the program has had a huge response it endured a short-lived identity problem, where some airmen mistakenly thought the program was a fraud because of its dot-com Web address.

"We are 'non-standard' in many ways," Tonini said. "The standard Web sites people in the military are used to dealing with for official business is dot-mil, and we're dot-com. People thought this was a hoax, so we had to throw water on that fire quickly. This program has the endorsement and full support of the secretary and chief of staff."

"The site has had more than 29 million hits," Tonini said. "We're working with new technology — we're one of the first Air Force sites to use 'dot-net,' which is an Internet operating system that is very leading-edge."

A team of six people works the program, managing the technology and "customer service" liaison between the airmen who request pins and the parents who receive them — as well as the thousands of pins sent to employers.

"In its broadest terms, it's an outreach program," Tonini said. "We consider each of the constituencies as our partners. We can't do our job without their support. They're full partners in the global war on terror."

"The program is working and it does what we were looking for it to do," Tonini said. "We know there are parents out there who proudly wear the pin to church, the store or meetings, and every other time they have an opportunity to brag on their son or daughter. That represents a swelling support for the work of the Air Force all over the world."

Airmen may request up to two parent pins and letters to be sent to either their parents or people they view as parental figures, Tonini said. To participate in the program, visit <http://www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com/>.

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Team effort can protect from ticks and mosquitoes



Photos by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Capt. Karen Carpenter, 509th Medical Operations Support Squadron public health element chief, empties a birdbath. Carpenter stresses the importance of eliminating standing water to limit mosquito-breeding areas.

Capt. Karen Carpenter
509th Medical Operations Support Squadron

Mosquito and tick season is in full swing. Both insects are capable of carrying disease that can affect humans and household pets. To help protect Team Whiteman members and their pets from mosquito and tick-borne diseases such as West Nile Virus and lyme disease, it's important to take the following steps:

- ✓ Eliminate mosquito-breeding areas. Don't allow water to accumulate for more than a few days in any container. Mosquitoes can multiply in unattended dog bowls, birdbaths, saucers under flower pots, wheelbarrows, old tires, children's wading pools, the water that collects in swimming pool covers, and any other container that can hold water for an extended period. Clean rain gutters to ensure they drain properly, and landscape your yard to eliminate standing water. If you have ornamental pools or water gardens, aerate them or stock them with fish.

- ✓ Avoid mosquito bites by wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants whenever possible. Treat clothing with insect repellent containing permethrin to enhance effectiveness. Apply insect repellents containing DEET to any exposed skin. Repellents specially designed for children can be used safely and effectively on children over six months. Don't apply repellents to children's face and hands because they can rub it in their eyes. These measures are particularly important during hours of darkness when most mosquitoes are biting.

- ✓ If you see any dead crows, blue jays, or birds of prey on base, please call the base Veterinary Clinic at 687-2667 for information about testing for West Nile Virus.

- ✓ Contact your veterinarian for information about vaccinating your horses and burros against mosquito-borne diseases and on what you need to do to protect your dogs against heartworm disease.

- ✓ Keep yards clear of overgrown brush and debris. If necessary, treat yard with a product that will kill such pests



Kathy Stroud stocks insect repellents at the base exchange. The proper use of insect repellents, DEET for skin and permethrin for clothes, is one way to protect against tick bites that can transmit disease and become infected. Warmer weather has brought the ticks out in force.

following all instructions to increase safety.

- ✓ Wear long pants, preferably light-colored ones, so you can see ticks crawling on you, and tuck pants into socks or boots. Ticks tend to be unidirectional and only crawl up.

- ✓ After spending time outdoors, check yourself, your children, and your pets thoroughly for ticks. Pay particular attention to your groin, ears, neck, and head.

- ✓ If you find a tick, grasp it firmly with fine-tipped tweezers as close to the skin as possible and slowly but firmly pull it off.

- ✓ Thoroughly disinfect the bite site and wash your hands with soap and water. Avoid squeezing or using petroleum jelly or fire to remove the tick. These activities only increase the chance of transmitting disease. Also, contact your veterinarian for information on products you can apply to your pets to protect them as well as your family. For more information contact Public Health at 687-2179.

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Correction:

The July 18 issue of the Whiteman Spirit incorrectly listed the 509th Medical Support Squadron as having a member who received Article 15 actions for driving under the influence. The individual belongs to the 509th Mission Support Squadron.

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Paving the way ... literally

Airman 1st Class John Burgess uses a tamping machine to compact debris for concrete placement as Airman 1st Class Will Harvey looks on. Staff Sgt. Richard Silmy uses a hose to moisturize the debris. They are 509th Civil Engineer Squadron members.

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1st Sergeant's View



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Master Sgt. Jeff Folsom, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, discusses responsible driving and public image of Air Force members with Tech Sgt. William Ward, 72nd TES.

(Editor's note: The 1st Sergeant's View gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to remind people of correct uniform wear, customs and courtesies, and proper military decorum. Each week, a different first sergeant will share their view.)

By Master Sgt. Jeff Folsom

72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron
Additional Duty First Sergeant

There's a fine line between perception and reality. In fact, perceptions become reality if they're left uncontested. Imagine a civilian is driving on Route 50 and is passed by someone in uniform, who is driving erratically and at a high rate of speed. The driver's

immediate perception is that military members are unsafe drivers.

In reality, a very small percentage of base members can determine how the base community is perceived.

When you're out in the local community, whether in uniform or not, you represent the Air Force. Your actions affect more than just yourself; they affect everyone who wears the uniform. You accepted this tremendous responsibility when you raised your hand and recited the oath of enlistment.

As Air Force ambassadors, we must all conduct ourselves in a professional manner. By all means, get out there and enjoy all Missouri has to offer, but remember, it's more than just your reputation that's at stake.



Photo by Master Sgt. Mike Hast

Brushed off

Airman 1st Class Casandra Curtis processes Senior Airman Stephen DuBois through the contamination control station after a successful mock operation for the Nuclear Surety Staff Assistance Visit evaluation. The explosive ordnance disposal team processed through the station after performing the stabilization of a mock accident site. Curtis and DuBois are members of the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Whiteman Spirit Award



Staff Sgt. David Alderton
509th Security Forces Squadron

Staff Sgt. David Alderton, 509th Security Forces Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, Monday.

Staff Sgt. Chris Conway, 509th Maintenance Squadron, nominated Alderton for the award.

While Conway and his wife, Regina, were returning to base from Kansas City, Feb. 15, they were involved in a serious vehicle accident on Highway 50.

Alderton saw the accident, pulled over and offered his assistance. Alderton helped the Conways until Johnson County sheriff officers arrived at the scene.

“David was kind enough to stop after already working his duty shift. He allowed us to stay in his car, out of the blistering cold weather,” said Conway. “He even walked to the nearest street so police would have a precise location on where our accident was.”

Personally speaking

Duty title: Law enforcement desk sergeant
Time on station: 2 years, 8 months
Time in service: 8 years, 5 months
Hometown: Calhoun, Mo.
Hobbies: Hunting and fishing.
Goals: To earn my degree and become a civilian police officer.
Best thing about Whiteman: The friends I have made and the great people I work with.
Pet Peeves: People who display a lack of respect toward others and individuals unwilling to lend a helping hand.
What motivates your winning spirit? My family, friends and co-workers.
If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? I would place building numbers on all of the buildings to assist newcomers to the base.

Spirit spotlights


... on **Senior Master Sgts. Doug Landry**, 509th Operations Support Squadron; **Dennis Stuart**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron; and **Anita Berber-James**, 509th Bomb Wing, for serving as the Whiteman Top 3 Association Scholarship Committee judges.

... on **Tech. Sgt. Tony Barrie**, 509th Medical Support Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Shoney Jackson**, 509th Munitions Squadron; and **Airman 1st Class Tracy Woods**, 509th Medical Operations Squadron; for earning a Whiteman Top 3 Association \$300 scholarship.

... on **Airmen 1st Class Joel Blum** and **Alexander Young**, 509th OSS, for achieving their Air Traffic Control Facility Rating.

... on Whiteman’s Spirit 4-H Club members **Samuel, Stephen, Addie, Donny** and **Grace Koebel; Cassie, Joshua** and **Tara Bartholomew; Kaitlin Pendleton, Dana Davis, Abigail** and **Kara Vander Hamm; James** and **Kayla Hecker**, and **Lauren Fuller** for earning a ribbon for their entries in their respective categories at the Johnson County Fair recently. Also, **Dana Davis**, and **Cassie, Joshua** and **Tara Bartholomew’s** entries will go on to be displayed in the 4-H building at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia Aug. 7-17.

... on **Airmen First Class Jason Capehart**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Justin Fox**, 509th AMXS; **Jason Peterson**, 509th LRS; **Roger Rose**, 509th AMXS, and **Senior Airman Rusty Lison**, 509th LRS, for making the Air Combat Command Training Responsible Adolescents in Leadership tour a success.



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Professional airmen

Congratulations to Airmen Professional Development Course graduates: Airmen 1st Class David Andrews, 509th Operations Support Squadron, Nicolas Velati, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, Marla Bell, 509th Mission Support Squadron, Donnecha Stewart, 509th Maintenance Squadron, Edward Yacobozzi, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Michael Bergeron, 509th LRS, Aneika Solomon, 509th LRS, Nathan Taylor, 509th MXS, Kyle Field, 509th MXS, Gerard Vieyra, 509th MXS, Keyah Tate, 509th LRS, Christina Ralston, 509th OSS, Crystal Earll, 509th OSS, Anthony Mejia, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and Tatum Villareal, 509th MXS; Senior Airmen Jason Weber, 509th OSS, Mellissa Williams, 509th LRS, Christopher Wagoner, 509th MOS, Raul Garcia, 509th LRS, Christina Vrentas, 509th LRS, Milinda Rood, 509th MXS, Matthew Zakrajsek, 509th MXS, Michael Sands, 509th AMXS, and Priscilla Vinyard, 509th MXS.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Power ups

Tech. Sgt. Jeff Appenfeller, KC-135 crew chief for the Kansas Air National Guard, Topeka, Kan., hooks up an external pneumatic power cart to his KC-135. The aircraft transported a group of Team Whiteman members to the Royal International Air Tattoo in Fairford, United Kingdom July 16.

*You can
never B-2 safe*

First repairs in LO facility mark new era for B-2



Airman 1st Class Freddy Davis and Senior Airman Chris Smeltzer, 509th Maintenance Squadron, vacuum low-observable tape that will help ensure the B-2's stealth capabilities. The amount of time it takes to complete a B-2 restoration depends on what type of repair is necessary. There are 139 active-duty LO technicians, two DOD civilians and 47 civilian contractors from Vertex Aerospace.



The *Spirit of Missouri* was the first B-2 to receive low-observable repairs in the new LO facility July 10. It finished repairs on Tuesday. The B-2s will receive regular repairs in the LO facility's two docks. The LO facility's more than 9,000 air filters remove 99.9 percent of waste material.



Airmen 1st Class Freddy Davis and Noel Ragan mix tail pipe coatings before applying them inside the tailpipe. The climate-controlled docks of the low-observable facility also function as paint booths with built-in filtering systems. LO materials are composite materials that absorb radar. Davis and Ragan are 509th Maintenance Squadron members.



Airman 1st Class Daniel Davis, 509th Maintenance Squadron, checks the temperature of a section of the aircraft with a thermo couple monitor, while a heat gun force-cures paint and speeds up the drying process.



Butch Morrissey, Vertex team member, prepares a surface for low-observable tape placement. Previously, repair technicians needed to build a paint tent and set up environmental control units to paint B-2s while meeting safety and environmental regulations. The LO's docks also function as paint booths that meet safety and environmental requirements.

Knob school district schedules enrollment

School enrollment for the 2003-04 school year for Whiteman Elementary and Knob Noster Elementary schools takes place Aug. 5-8.

Enrollment at Knob Noster High School takes place Aug. 11, 12, 14 and 15.

New students to KNHS must call the office at 563-2283 to set up an appointment.

Kindergarten enrollment takes place Aug. 5 at KNES and Aug. 7 at WES by appointment. To make an appointment for a kindergarten child, call KNES at 563-3019 or WES at 563-3028.

When enrolling a child, present the child's immunization records, social security card and records from a previous school.

Kindergarten and first-grade students will need to present a birth certificate. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on July 31.

Missouri laws requires students in kindergarten through 12th grade be fully immunized before they attend school.

An open house for Knob Noster and Whiteman Elementary schools takes place 6-7:30 p.m. Aug. 14. Class rosters will be posted in each building.

Enrollment packets for sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students who are moving into the Knob Noster School District may be picked up in the Knob Noster Middle School office 7:30 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. weekdays.

Filling out enrollment papers now will enable counselors to request records from

previous schools and make scheduling of new students more effective in August.

Counselors will host sixth-grade orientation 9-11:30 a.m. Aug. 5, 1-3:30 p.m. Aug. 6 and 6-8:30 p.m. Aug. 7.

At orientation, distribution will be made of student school schedules; tours of the building; and discussions of homework policy, dress code, student absences, study skills, peer pressure, available tutoring, clubs, activities, how to make appointments with teachers and other interests.

Counselors will host a new student orientation for the seventh- and eighth-graders 9-11 a.m. Aug. 11.

Middle school students may pick up their class schedules 7:30 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Aug. 11-15.

Open house for KNMS takes place 7-8:30 p.m. Sept. 8. Information concerning this event will be sent home with students.

KNHS will conduct freshman and new student orientation at 6 p.m. Aug. 11 in the high school gym. Freshmen and new students will pick up their class schedules and locker assignments at that time.

Other students may pick up their class schedules and locker assignments at the high school office 8 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Aug. 12, 14 or 15.

Practices for the fall sports season begin Aug. 11 for KNHS athletes and Aug. 18 for KNMS athletes.

Athletes must have a physical form and proof of insurance on file in the offices to be eligible for practice.



Photo by Master Sgt. Frank Jones

AMXS members help veterans

Airman 1st Class Bruce Smith and Staff Sgt. Joey Clark help a veteran at the Veterans Supermarket event Saturday in Sedalia. Seven members of 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron helped more than 130 veterans get information on their entitlements. Representative Ike Skelton, of Missouri's 4th District, and Gen. George Shull, adjutant general of the Missouri National Guard, were also on tap for the event. "We heard the war stories, we heard about their families and we gained an appreciation for what they did to make our military a better place to serve," said Master Sgt. Frank Jones, who organized the squadron's participation in the event. Other AMXS members who helped are Tech. Sgt. Kari Miller, Staff Sgts. Brian Morris and Dennis Seals, and Airman 1st Class Brian Jones.

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What’s happening

Education

For more details, visit <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm>

Study skills class offered

A study and test-taking skills class begins at 9 a.m. Aug. 13 in the base training and education services center. The class focuses on reading, note-taking, studying, memorization and test-taking techniques. For more details, call 687-5750.

Community

Clothing drive set

A clothing drive begins at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Challenger Hall parking lot. Bring serviceable clothing to donate to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Johnson

County. For more details, e-mail Airman 1st Class Donald Walsh at donald.walsh@whiteman.af.mil.

Book signing scheduled

New York Times bestselling author Bobbi Smith will be signing her latest book, “Hunter’s Moon,” at 11 a.m. Saturday at the base exchange.

ALS sets class 03-F events

- ✓ The airman leadership school class 03-F retreat ceremony begins at 4 p.m. Aug. 1 at the flagpole at Bldg. 509. Participants must be in place by 3:45 p.m.
- ✓ Reveille begins at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 5 at the ALS drill pad. Arrival time is 7:25 a.m.
- ✓ Graduation begins at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 5 at Mission’s End. The fifth Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Robert Gaylor is the speaker. The meal is marinated chicken breast with garlic mashed potatoes and vegetables. Cost is \$12.35 for members and \$14.35 for nonmembers. Attire is mess dress or semi-formal for military members, and coat and tie for civilians. Tickets are

available from class 03-F members.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

Pre-deployment briefing set

A mandatory pre-deployment briefing for people who are deploying or going on a temporary duty assignment for more than 30 days begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

WIC representative visits base

A WIC representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Thursday. WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and children who have nutritional needs. Call the WIC office in Warrensburg at 660-747-2012 for more details.

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Super score

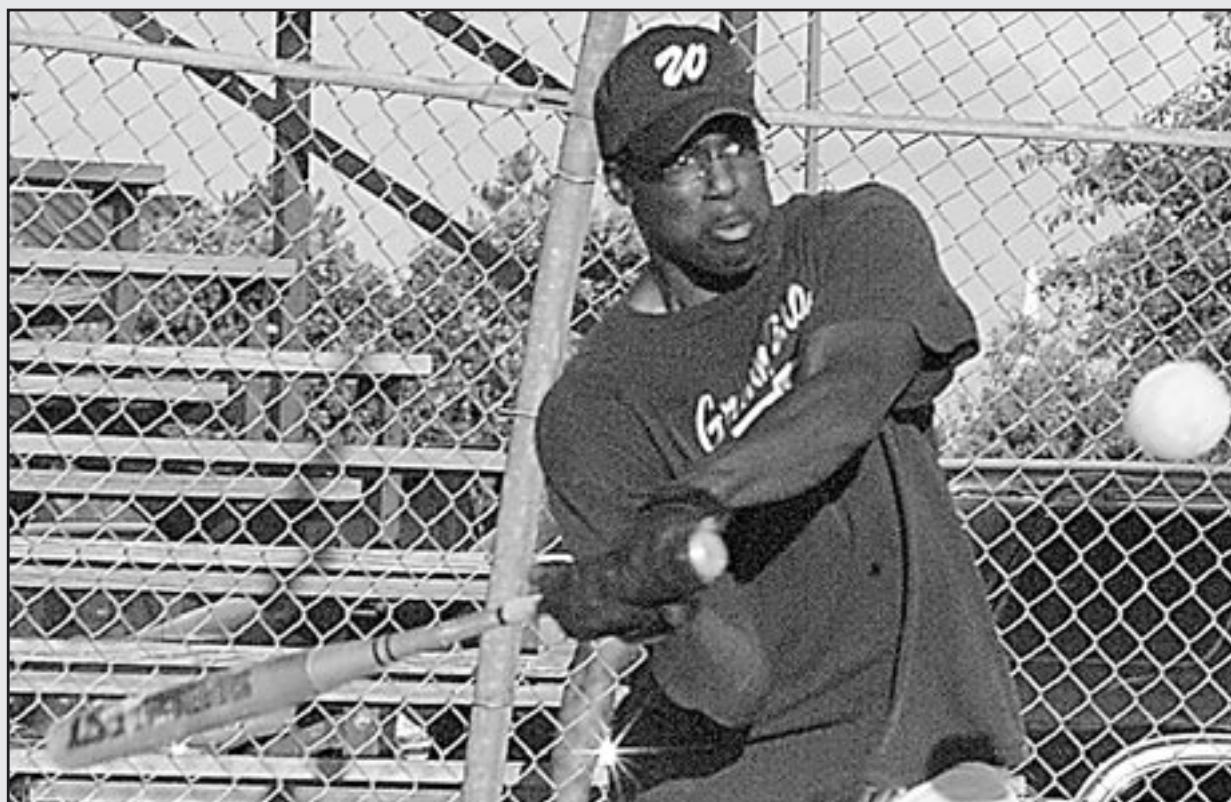
Col. Rick Bachmann, 509th Medical Group commander, presents Airman 1st Class Kristi Schlautman, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, with a certificate for posting the highest female ergometry score at Whiteman. Schlautman scored 51.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Fit to serve

Health and wellness center staff members Paul Gray, Staff Sgt. Larry Billings, Nita Hawk, Tech. Sgt. Monica Botch and Staff Sgt. Matthew Norman pose with top male and female ergometry scorers Lt. Col. Britton Bankson, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron commander, Airman 1st Class Lisa Schultheis, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, and Senior Airman Adrian Kelly, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, after receiving the Spirit of Fitness Award from Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander. They received the award for being the top ergometry scorers for the first quarter of 2003. Each quarter, the wing or vice wing commander presents the top three men and women with a certificate and incentive prizes. Not pictured are Staff Sgt. Layne Taff, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and Senior Airman Angie Long, 509th Operations Support Squadron.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

509th CS holds off 509th AMXS

Above: Jerry Carter, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron left center fielder, smashes a softball into play. The 509th AMXS intramural softball team fell short to the 509th Communications Squadron 10-9 in Tuesday's game. Trailing 10-7, 509th AMXS scored two runs to narrow the gap, but failed to score again. Right: Kevin Hunt, 509th CS shortstop, winds up to throw to first base.



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Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Picnic at the park

Gather your family and friends 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday for a free picnic and games at the base lake. Bring your own lunch, snacks or goodies to share. Enjoy paddleboats, volleyball, horseshoes, frisbee golf and more.

Open water scuba class

Marty Naakgeboren, Sandy Paws diving instructor, teaches a one-week course on open water scuba diving beginning at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 11-15. Class times are broken into two sections 5:30-7:30 p.m. at outdoor recreation and 7:30-10 p.m. at the base pool. Cost is \$190 for the class. Students must attend an orientation class at 5:30 p.m. July 31 at outdoor recreation. Sign up by Thursday.

Mark Twain State Park

A camping and boating trip begins at 1 p.m. Aug. 1 and ends at 2 p.m. Aug. 3 at Mark Twain State Park near Florida, Mo. The cost is \$25 and includes camping equipment. A pretrip meeting takes place 6-7 p.m. Wednesday at outdoor recreation.

Mission's End 687-4422

HBO boxing series

Gather friends and family to watch the world championship boxing match on plasma TVs Saturday in the Lavene Lounge. This is a free event.

Prime rib buffet

Enjoy a prime rib buffet 5:30-8 p.m. today. The cost is \$13.95 for members and \$16.95 for nonmembers.

Youth Center 687-5586

Before- and after-school program

The before- and after-school program is enrolling for fall for first through sixth graders. The program is open 6:30-8:15 a.m. and 3:15-6 p.m. Placements and orientation take place Aug. 4-8. Stop by the youth center to complete a request for care.

National Kids Day

Kindergartners through 12th graders can celebrate National Kids Day 6-9 p.m. Aug. 3 at the base pool. Activities include swimming, bingo, water balloon toss, lollipop walk and more. This is a free event. Sign up by Aug. 1 at the youth center. Snacks and drinks are provided.

Members' only fun night

Kindergartners through fourth graders can play indoor games and have the opportunity to make arts and crafts during members' only fun night 6:30-9:30 Aug. 1. The cost is \$5.

Stars & Strikes 687-5114

Kids' lunch and bowl

Dependent children purchasing a kids' meal July-August can bowl two free games, including rental shoes, for \$4 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. weekdays.

Wanted ...



Sixty aspiring actors and actresses to take part in the Missoula Children's Theater International Tour Project Aug. 4 in the youth center. Auditions begin at 10 a.m. Whiteman youths in kindergarten through 12th grade can audition for this professionally produced musical. Sign up by Aug. 1. For more information, call the community center. Sponsored in part by Crown Ford.*

Skills Development Center 687-5691

Rock painting

Paint a cuddly, furry critter on a rock 10 a.m.-noon Saturday. The cost is \$15 and includes supplies. Call for more details.

Auto Skills 687-5689

Radiator flush

Flush the radiator system with up to two gallons of antifreeze. Cost is \$55. By appointment only. Call 660-238-2675 to schedule an appointment. Some restrictions may apply.

Fitness Center 687-5496

Tour de Missouri

Join the Tour de Missouri and earn awards in July, August and September. Miles may be earned on the bike, treadmill, cross-trainer, stair climber, rowing machine and warrior jogging course. Open to valid government ID card holders 16 or older. Call for more details.

Tickets & Travel 687-5643

Attention leisure travel customers

Tickets & Travel won't be able to provide leisure travel services for August. These services include airline, cruise and tour reservations. Tickets & Travel sincerely regrets any inconveniences this may cause.

Special Tickets & Travel hours

Tickets & Travel's hours of operation for August is weekdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Only amusement park tickets and other attractions will be sold.

Royal Oaks 687-5572

Course championship

The Royal Oaks course championship takes place Aug. 9-10. Win a two-night stay at Thousand Hills Golf Resort in Branson, Mo. This event is open to valid government ID card holders. The winner will continue on to the Air Combat Command Championship Aug. 26-29 at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. Sponsored in-part by Fowler's Family Autos and Thousand Hills Golf Resort.*

Library 687-5614

Finale party

Youth participating in the summer reading club program will be rewarded with a pizza party, games and prizes 6:30-8 p.m. today at the base library.

Introduction to computer hardware

Learn computer basics in a free class offered by the base library 6-8 p.m. Aug. 7 and 9-11 a.m. Aug. 8.

Teen Center 687-5819

Operation night hoops

Eighth through 12th graders can play in a free basketball

league today, Aug. 1 and Aug. 15 at the fitness center. This



Ribbit Race prize winner

Sarah Mueller and Debbie Kermick present Staff Sgt. Adam Post, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and his wife, Karen, with their Orlando family vacation prize certificate. Sponsored in-part by Homewood Suites, Universal Studios, Sea World, Wet n' Wild, Kennedy Space Center, Medieval Times Dinner Show and Arabian Nights Dinner Show.*

event is sponsored in-part by First Command.* Call the teen center for more details.

Teen splash bash

Play games, eat food and have fun at the teen splash bash pool party 7-10 p.m. Saturday. Bring your favorite CDs. The teen center closes at 5 p.m. for this event. The cost is \$3.

Tye dye creations

Bring a white T-shirt and create a tie dye creation 3-5 p.m. Wednesday. This is a free event.

Makeover mania

Get a free cosmopolitan computer makeover Aug. 2. Picture yourself in a new look for the upcoming school year. Sign up by Thursday. This is a free event.

Kansas City Royals game

Enjoy an afternoon of major league baseball at Kaufman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., as the Royals take on the Chicago Cubs 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 6. The cost is \$10 and the registration deadline is Aug. 1. Bring money for snacks.

Whiteman Base Theater

Friday

Wrong Turn 7 p.m. R
Starring — Eliza Dushku & Desmond Harrington
A turn down an uncharted dirt road leads six young people into a night of pure terror where they are hunted by cannibalistic mountain men. They find that they've fallen victim not to local pranksters, but a gang of inbred killers with a taste for blood.

Saturday

Rugrats Go Wild 3 & 7 p.m. G
Animated

When the vacationing Rugrats and their parents get stranded on a deserted island, Tommy knows there's only one man who can help them: Nigel Thornberry. Then a bonk on Nigel's head makes him act more like a 3-year-old than a man. Luckily, the babies have Eliza on their side, and with her ability to communicate with animals, she can even talk to Spike.

Sunday

Hollywood Homicide 5:30 p.m. PG-13
Starring — Harrison Ford & Josh Hartnett
When an entire hip-hop group is murdered on stage, LAPD homicide detectives Gaviland and Calden are called in to handle the case. They begin to suspect that the rappers were killed for attempting to get out of their recording contract with label head Sartain.

Adults \$3 Youth \$1.50
Movie recording line 687-5110.
Movies are subject to change due to availability.